

Georgia Safe Routes to School



Introduction to Safe Routes to School

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 - Education
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- Georgia SRTS Program
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What is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program provides federal funds to the States to substantially improve the ability of children K-8 grades to walk and bicycle to school.

SRTS makes bicycling and walking to school safer and more appealing

SRTS utilizes Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure initiatives

SRTS facilitates planning and implementation of walking and cycling facilities within two miles of schools



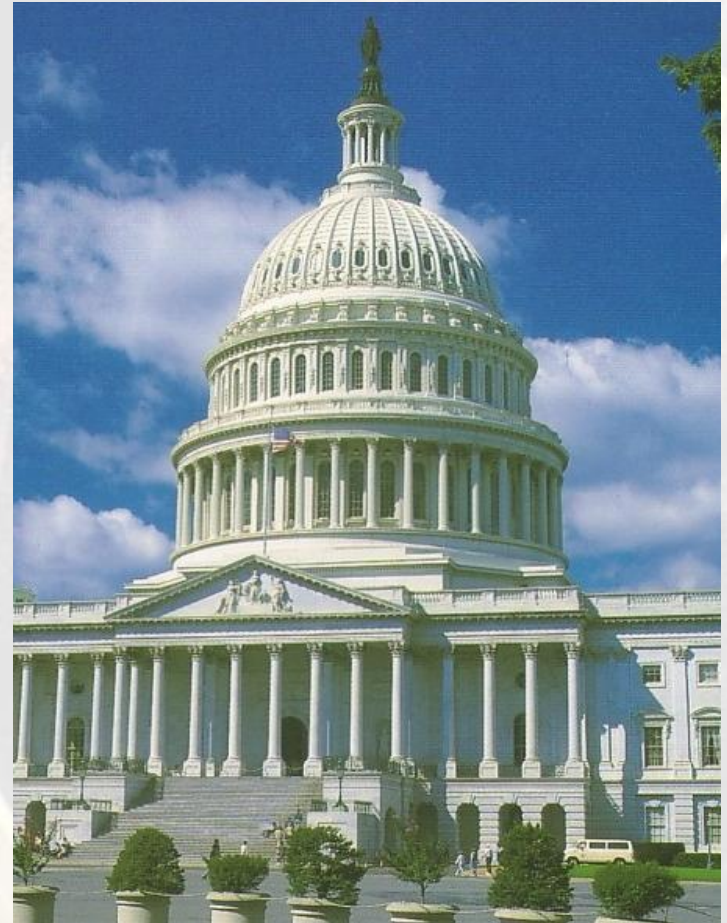
Federal Legislative Background

SRTS established by SAFETEA-LU
10%-30% - Non-Infrastructure
70%-90% - Infrastructure

\$612 Million to State DOT's

Almost \$17 Million to Georgia DOT
over five fiscal years

SRTS are 100% federal funds
No Local Match is required



The 5 E's: Elements of an Effective Safe Routes to School Program

Education

Encouragement

Enforcement

Engineering

Evaluation



Education



**Travel Safety
Skills**

**Creates Safety
Awareness**

**Driver Safety
Campaign**

Encouragement



Increases the effectiveness of SRTS Program in the schools

Emphasizes fun of walking and biking

Enforcement

Increases awareness of pedestrians and bicyclists

Improves driver behavior

Helps children follow traffic rules



Engineering

Sidewalks within 2 miles of school

Traffic control devices

Crosswalks

Vehicle Speed Reduction



Evaluation

Keys to determining the scope of a successful Safe Routes to School program

❖ Establishes a baseline

❖ Monitor trends

❖ Travel modes

❖ Attitudes

❖ Distance from school

❖ Crash data



GEORGIA'S SRTS PROGRAM STRUCTURE

SRTS 5 Es

- Engineering

Infrastructure

- Kimley-Horn Associates
Engineering Design Firm

- Education

- Encouragement

- Enforcement

- Evaluation

Non-Infrastructure

- Resource Center



GEORGIA'S SRTS NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement
- Evaluation

Non-Infrastructure
▪ **Resource Center**

The Center will be a One Stop Shop, providing:

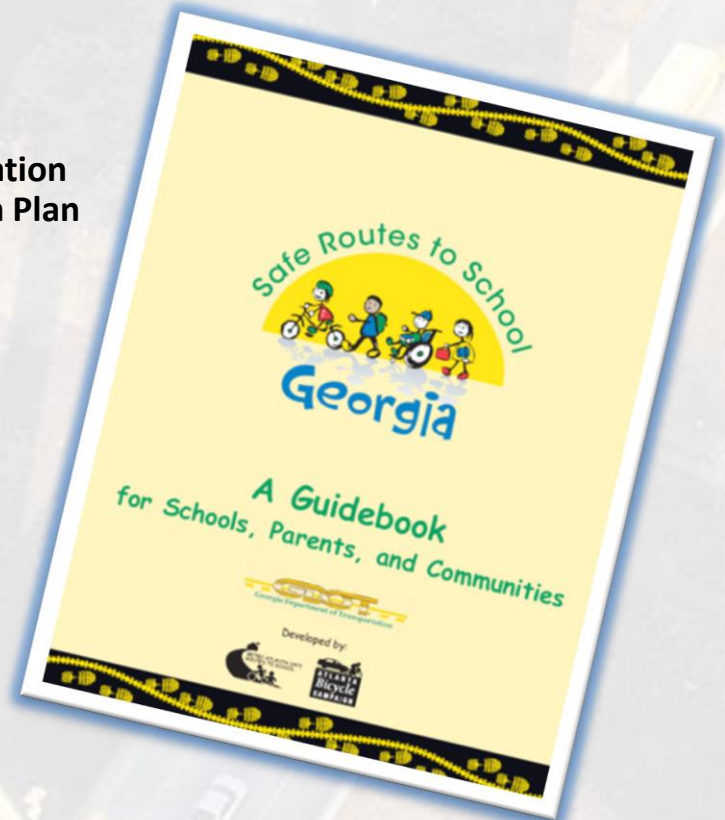
- 800 Hotline
- Interactive SRTS Website
- SRTS Training & Technical Assistance (i.e., bike/ped safety training, SRTS plans for schools)
- SRTS Outreach & Marketing
- SRTS Program Evaluations



Georgia SRTS Guidebook

Georgia SRTS Guidebook Contents:

- Chapter 1 – Introduction to Safe Routes to School
- Chapter 2 – Getting Started
- Chapter 3 – The Safe Routes to School Plan: Gathering Information
- Chapter 4 – The Safe Routes to School Plan: Writing the Action Plan
- Chapter 5 – Funding Your Program
- Chapter 6 - Working With School Communities
- Chapter 7 – Engineering Activities
- Chapter 8 – Enforcement Activities
- Chapter 9 – Education Activities
- Chapter 10 – Encouragement Activities
- Chapter 11 – Evaluation
- Appendix
 - Sample Surveys
 - Samples Flyers
 - Sample SRTS Action Plan
 - Sample Evaluation Checklists
 - And much more...



Available online:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/localgovernment/FundingPrograms/srts/Pages/TrainingandResources.aspx>

GEORGIA'S SRTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

**1st SRTS Call for
Infrastructure Projects: Oct-Dec 2008**

**65 Applications received Statewide
totaling \$23 million**

**Technical Review conducted by SRTS
Project Review Panel**

**Design firm provided project cost
estimate validations for all applicants**



SRTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Eligible Projects:

- *Sidewalk improvements (including ADA upgrades)*
- *Traffic calming & speed reduction improvements*
- *Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements*
- *On-street bicycle facilities*
- *Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities*
- *Secure bicycle parking facilities*
- *Traffic diversion improvements*



Ineligible Projects:

- *Acquisition of right of way*
- *Repair of traffic lane pavement (unless new/upgraded bike facility)*
- *Compensation of crossing guards*
- *Purely cosmetic upgrades or routine maintenance of bike/ped facilities*
- *School bus or bus stop related improvements*



GEORGIA'S SRTS INNOVATIVE PROJECT MANAGEMENT APPROACH

The selected projects will be managed and implemented by the Department.

Design Firm will be responsible for Preliminary Engineering for projects

GDOT will coordinate with locals

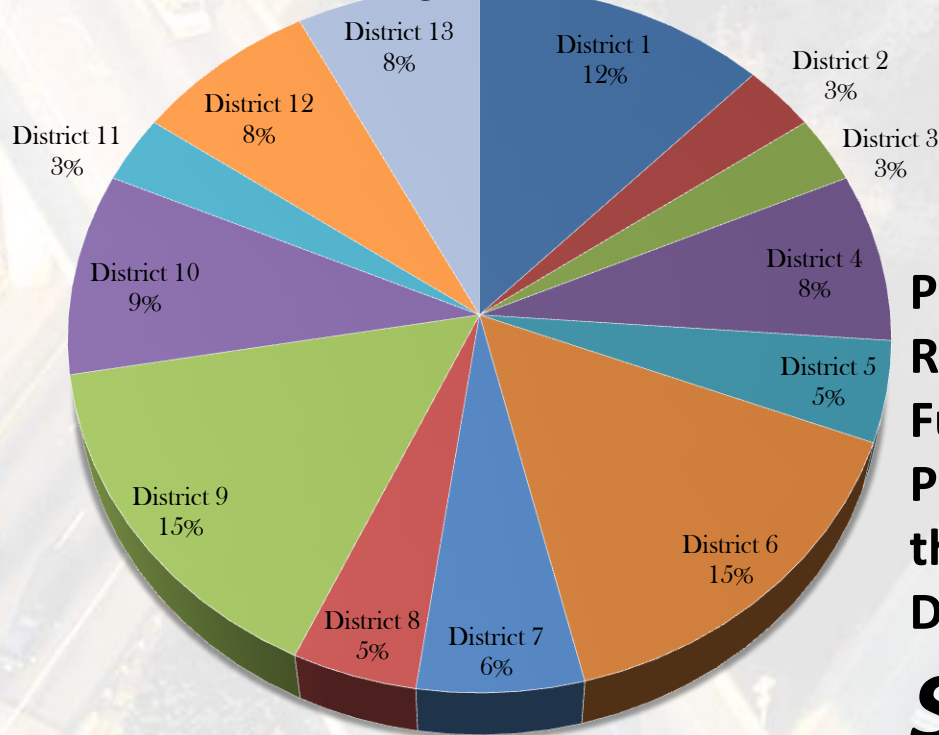
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GEORGIA'S 1st SRTS INFRASTRUCTURE CALL FOR PROJECTS

SRTS Infrastructure Projects - Winter 2009

Applications Received
from Congressional Districts



**Project Selection
Recommendation:
Fund the Top Scoring
Project from each of
the 13 Congressional
Districts.**

\$5,607,500



QUESTIONS?
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